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On February 28 and 29 and March 6 and 7 at 7:30 pm and on March 1 and 8 at 2 pm, [Taylor University Theatre](#) will present a production of Henrik Ibsen’s *An Enemy of the People*.

The Norwegian playwright’s classic 1882 play chronicles the story of a doctor who discovers life-threatening contaminant that is polluting the water supply for his town’s health spa, the lifeblood of the local economy. The doctor’s determination to spread the alarm faces opposition from his brother, the mayor, and many whom he believed to be allies, as the debate about how to address the problem unfolds—engaging broad themes of truth, right and wrong, and mob mentality.

For this iteration of the play, director [Tracy Manning](#) collaborated with Taylor alumni Jessica Schulte and Alexis Colón to adapt it into a contemporary American setting, where the gender and familial relationships of some characters have changed but the all-too timeless themes of the story remain the same. Integrating modern social media and the reality of today’s world of journalism frames the events of the plot in a new and instantly relatable medium.

“Plays are the way I enter the world,” said Manning, regarding the selection of this show for the 2019/20 season. “This play explores strongly held beliefs with high stakes. It follows how information is processed, disseminated and spun to meet agendas. It’s a reality not of some long ago culture but today. We have a choice of how to respond to the information we receive as a community, hopefully we will do so with love and patience and thoughtfulness.”

Tickets for the show can be purchased by emailing [boxoffice@taylor.edu](mailto:boxoffice@taylor.edu) .

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